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be gone the rest of this week, would there be objections to bracketing it until Monday? I will ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 430 until next Monday.

SPEAKER: Is there any objections? Seeing none, so ordered. Is there a Committee hearing being held at the moment or why do we have absenteeism? Senator Duis is recognized.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I believe that there is a Conference of World Affairs at the University Club this noon and that may be the reason for this and I believe that one other meeting that was held this noon which took a lot of gentlemen from the Legislature and also ladies.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke. Senator Luedtke. Senator Kennedy, let us take up LB 418.

CLERK: LB 418 introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by the members thereof. Read title. Mr. President, there are Committee amendments by Senator Kennedy's Public Health Committee.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman and fellow members, I would move for the adoption of the Committee amendments. Very briefly, the Committee amendments change in all of the wording that the Board which is constructed of six members of volunteer ambulance service people plus six other to make up the entire Board, that this Board shall have... that the Board shall approve all rules, regulations and jurisdiction. This would give the Board the entire... not the Department of Health, but the Board the entire obligation of making these decisions. This was discussed quite completely in the past two years and as I have found out, there had been no objections in bringing these amendments to the people throughout the state added to the bill. So I would ask for the Committee amendments to be adopted at this time.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I have a couple of questions that I think would be germane here. Is anywhere in this particular provision call for any licensing and licensing fees by any of the volunteer firemen...volunteer rescue service people?

SENATOR KENNEDY: There will be no fees in this, if the amendments are adopted. Are you talking about the volunteer members...yes, there will be no fees. The fees are only on the ambulance which are now a part of it. This is in the amendment, if you will check it. I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Chairman Kennedy, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I apologize for being late from the hearing but could you tell me, is this the bill that we discussed for a number of years that has to do with providing emergency ambulatory services throughout the state?